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HOW THE ACTING GOVERNOR AND THE COMMODORE CAPTURED THE "NAMOA" PIRATES.

Notwithstanding the lengthy and labored explanation which his Excellency the Acting Governor considered it necessary to make at the last meeting of the Legislative Council regarding the delay in taking active measures for following up the Namou pirates, the general impression chapter of erregious blundering may not be so easily decided, although the field is a narrow one, as the exact relations between the Hongkong Executive and the resident Senior Naval Officer when any are somewhat of a mystery—at all events they have not been properly defined of late years and are certainly not well known to the public. It is clear enough, that took place in starting in pursuit of the pirates rests between the late Acting Governor and Commodore Church; which

one of these twain is justly to blame will no doubt be decided hereafter. The Douglas Co.'s steamer Namoa was captured and plundered during the after- Hongkong is reducing argument to an facing the Chinese officials, who would for what must either be taken nooh and evening of December 10th; and absurdity—it is, in fact, childish nonsense. | quickly learn particulars of the piracy evidence of a very imperfect and unsatiswas deserted by the pirates at about 8:30 And, moreover, if the Linnel's object was were too imminent to be tricked with factory police system or as an indication of p.m. close to Mendoza Island, forty-five merely to obtain information, there was impunity. Along the coast from Mendoza Elmportant duties neglected or mismanaged, miles from Hongkong. Early the follow- no carthly good in sending her at all. to Breaker Point there are several places. Are we to infer that it has not suited the ing morning the Namea reached her buoy The Namea brought down all the where at least temporary shelter could be unofficial members of Council to ask lingthe harbour, and the news of her capture information required to warrant active obtained, but British gunboats and Chinese awkward questions or take any active was generally known throughout the measures being set in motion to capture cruisers from Canton would quickly have steps to inconvenience our ornamental colony in an hour's time. It can hardly the pirates without delay, and nothing to be reckoned with, and the risk was took Government at such an auspicious time as be doubted that Commodore Church was has yet been shown either by Mr. great. To proceed northwards towards the near advent of our Jubilee rejoicings one of the first to hear of the piracy, as Ferring or Commodore Church to justify Amoy, beating up against a strong 1:- remembering that those fearless reprewe find that he called on the Acting the policy of masterly inactivity pursued, monsoon, would be like entering a foreign sentatives of our valuable interests might BiGovernor, at Government House before with its consequent barren and country, and could only lend to speedy have given mortal offence to their official to am, at which time his Excellency, unsatisfactory results. But supposing capture. And therefore the cool heads fronies by wanting to know too much, according to his own statement, "had that further information had actually been | that had planned the seizure of the Namoa. which would have been a catastrophe too Leavest. received no official report from any one, required, the Fame about which vessel a had not forgotten to arrange for a nor had the matter been in any way very great deal of twaddle has been comparatively had necessar. We don't Collegally brought to my notice." It is not written and spoken in reference to this think the pirates landed at Mendoza or on years ago the raid of a few Chinese we have had many a jovial time, has recently unfair to assume that Mr. Flixing had affair-was far better adapted for that the mainland, and sought refuge in the freebooters on a gold-beaters shop in been going it strong in Frisco on the beneficial received information of the outrage prior purpose than the Linnet, as she can steam Interior; we doubt the probability of their to the Commodore's arrival, but as he over 12 knots an hour and could have lurking along the coast in the Swatow a Public Indignation Meeting on the lighthouses, beacons says, not officially; and as the Harbour been under way a couple of hours after district, and feel certain they would neither | Cricket Ground and an almost universal evoffices had scarcely commenced active The Fame has just as good a status to be of the Formosa Channel; such clever for being, as was glibly represented by work at 10 o'clock on the morning of employed in obtaining information scoundrels are far too wide-awake to Hongkong's leading citizens of that day, the 11th in the interesting to regarding pirates as the Linnel, and there burn their bridges (the junks) and cut off a sort of accessory both before and after know from what particular source his is no reason to doubt that the Commodore all chance of escape by sea, and so they the attack, which, by the way, proved Excellency expected, at that early hour, the had he been solicited, would have sent a adopted the simple plan of returning financially unsuccessful and chiefly resulted official communication he appears to have naval crew on board of her without southward to their favorite haunts amongst in one of the would-be plunderers being been waiting for. Our unofficial brain hesitation. The references which Mr. the numerous groups of islands in the shot dead by a policeman. Times have would have suggested, under similar Flexing made to an invasion of Chinese neighbourhood of Hongkong and Macao. Indeed changed, and it would appear that imperative circumstances, the advisability of at once acting on the reliable informa- two years ago, in which he erroneously no scoper put back for this port than the times. The piratical capture of the Namoa, tion received, without waiting for a second- I stated the Fame had been employed, would piratical junks started off in the same a lawless venture, of the most daring hand official report, by despatching, not not, even assuming his Excellency's direction, probably keeping well out to character, was undoubtedly contrived merely one gunboat, but all the available comparison to be well founded, apply in sea, so as to pass Hongkong to the and brought to a practical issue in cruisers in the harbour in search of the this case. In 1868 the Fame was a tug- southward. With the monsoon in their this colony, directly under the eyes of pleates and their junks. Some idea of boat and the property of the Hongkong favour it is quite possible the junks the police, and, unlike the Winglok this kind may have feebly struck Mr. and Whampon Dock Company; on were past this island before the steamer Street hurgiarlous attempt, it proved Fixing, but he was contented to suggest December 11th, 1890, she was and is now came to anchor; but all the same this successful, a considerable amount o to Commodore Church that it might be I the property of the Hongkong Government I was one of the golden opportunities lost I plunder being secured and several valuable desirable to send a gunboat to the scene and sending her with a crew of British by the Acting Governor and the Commo- lives sacrificed by the pirates; but we his willingness to do so. Then why was piracy accompanied by murder on board gunboats been sent northward during the lings of appeals to the Secretary of Statethis not done without a moment's delay? a British merchant steamer, would have morning of the 11th with instructions to not even a suggestion that anybody in By heavens! Because the Acting Governor: been no more an infringement of treaty overhaul every junk they met, and another of Hongkong thought It better, before obligations than was the Limet's futile been ordered to patrol the channels to the taking any decided steps to vindicate excursion. British rights and avenge the cruel murder of British subjects, to consult Mr. McLEAVY FRANCIS FLEMING nor to Commodore since been secured and in safe custody. BROWN, of the Chinese Customs Service. | Chrack, but it must nevertheless be clearly His Excellency says he thought that Mr. | evident to everybody else acquainted with Brown -who, by the way, is the Com- the past record of Chinese piracles in missioner in charge of that amusing fiction | these waters, that the escape of the known as the Kowloon branch of the Names marauders was very greatly Chinese Customs-"probably knew the facilitated by the incomprehensible delay locality well and would be able to give in sending an armed vessel in pursuit me valuable information." Why this We don't pretend to know for an absolute gentleman, because he happens to be an | certainty what means were adopted by employe of the Chinese Customs, should the pirates in getting clear off with their calculated to upset that offensive and he supposed to know anything whatever plunder and leaving no trace behind about Menduza Island and the surrounding but there were certain sircumstances district, or what use such knowledge would I connected with have been to the commander of a British looting of the Names from which ounboat in search of Chinese pirates had some fair inferences may be drawn. That the piracy was planned in this Excellency's the piracy was planned in this colony muddled imagination, no explanation has admits of little doubt: we have it been forthcoming, nor is any sensible evidence that some of the pirates, including explanation possible. If a qualified pilot | the leader of the gang, are well known or gulde were actually required for the Hongkong gaol-birds; and an equally wavenging gunboat, we should have thought important fact is that the four junks that common-sense would at once have employed in getting away with the spoil

suggested the chief officer of the Namoa, from the steamer were recognised to be kewho had only just returned from the scene Hongkong fishing junks. Now, taking of operations and whose special know, all these things into consideration and edge of the piracy would no doubt have remembering the season of the year and To see oursel's as ithers see us been useful. It is scarcely too much to the locality in which the piracy was is one of the happiest efforts of Robbit believe that his Excellency was under consummated, certain probabilities are Bunns' keen insight into the weaknesses some sort of impression that the Com- forcibly suggested. As already pointed of erring humanity, as there cannot missioner of Customs had the power and out, the pirates had a clear start of at be the remotest doubt that if the poet's would probably transform for the nonce least "thirty-six hours; but it may be appeal could be generally realised, the one of the Chinese revenue cruisers into regarded as certain that their arrange- world would be a better place to live pirate catcher to oblige the Hong- ments were made on an expected in and the dwellers on this terrestrial. the case, he had to face a bitter than twelve hours. They would estimate, is the case. Hongkong is in itself disappointment. Mr. McLEAVY Brown, and reasonably enough, that the Names admittedly a marvellous monument of the presid his willingness, to assist the on the morning of the 11th, and that holds no unimportant place, as a factor in his authority, and promised, to gunboats in harbour would be on their and importance, both commercially and

of thirty-six hours. Ecannot see how any other reasonable impression was that the Linue's mission Fixting's 'plain unvarnished tale' its full | the idea of being able to do anything in placing the responsibility for this latest of the pirates had landed at the particular spot where the Linnel made for," said his Excellency, apparently in all seriousness, to the Legislative Council, "they would proarrival, and I believe that was one fact Considering that close upon forty villagers in the vicinity of Mendoza Island. attacks ton the vives and properties hours had elapsed from the time the In our opinion the probability is that they of the public. That some scent to pirates left the Names until the arrival of had not, and that like entire scheme was the contemplated piratical raid on the however, that the blame for any delay the Limit at Mendaza Island, most people worked out and carried to its successful. Ramea bught to have been discovered will agree with his Excellency that the lissue by the unaided efforts of the enter- by the police will hardly be contested pirates would probably have managed prising gentry from Hongkong. That but nevertheless not one word has to get away, and we know for an absolute | being so, the natural conclusion is that the | been raised either in the Legislative fact that they did get away; but the pirates did not land with their booty either | Council-or even in the local press, other Government the Namoa's arrival in Hongkong harbour. | proceed to the North nor brave the dangers | condemnation of Governor Pork Hannessy territory by the Hongkong police twenty- To our way of thinking, the Namoa had Hongkong fashions have moved with the of the piracy. The Commodore expressed seamen to obtain information regarding dore in delaying the pursuit. Had two hear nothing of public indignation meet-

steam out of its own way, was eventually particularly difficult problem, and if so, to make the colony and its, or rather tiels. despatched on the morning of December with what results? The mission of the 12th, thus giving the pirates a clear start Linux hore ho fruit, and although a few foreigners throughout the Far East. men, against whom there is nothing in the Our Tientsin contemporary in com-The folly of delaying the gunboat must shape of direct evidence, have been menting on the Nanioa tragedy; very he evident to everybody who has read the arrested to satisfy public clamour, the hertinently inquires what the Hongkong details of the seizure of the Namoa and has nuthorities have up to the present time any acquaintance with the ordinary been completely foiled. As usual they to become in its Jubilee year the headcustoms of the Chinese sea-rovers, and it have waited for something to turn up, and quarters for the pirates of Southern would be really amusing, if the matterwere | if they wait Jong enough and enlist the not of so serious a character, when we find | services of unscrupulous professional that neither the Acting Governor nor the Chinese informers, something will turn Commodore had more than a hazy and up, and they may actually succeed in uncertain notion of the object of the hanging a few miserable unfortunates maintained at an exorbitant expense to Linnel's cruise. Mr. FLENING admits who had nothing to do with the piracy. frankly enough that he did not consider it It is fortunate for the sake of justice and of this contemplated piracy should have necessary to request that the vessel should the innocent that the jury has to be be despatched at any particular time-it unanimous on a capital charge, otherwise fact in all its daring and harrowing in the colony is that the Government did not strike him as being a part of his the very strong prejudices which this details. What all the celebrated inspectors authorities quite failed to rise to the duty, but thought it was a matter rather audacious outrage has situation and displayed an inexcusable for the naval authorities than for himself, engendered might be wattended with ubiquitous, informers and ex-gaol weakness and indecision. And we really On the other hand Commodore Church's disastrous effects, as we have recently seen that our local tribunals are the reconclusion is possible, even allowing Mr. was to obtain information, rather than with reverse of scrupulous with their victims. face value. The question of accurately the way of securing the pirates.... If any substitute themselves after leaving the Namea, or did they act on the old and well In either case, what course would most bably have got away before the Linner's It seems doubtful whether the pirates who temergency like this piracy business arises | which influenced Commodore Church in the four junks had any confederacy or not having despatched a gunboat sooner." arrangement with the fishermen and

likely be taken to find a safe place of refuge? looted the Namoa and their associates in

"AS ITHERS SEE US."

southward, the probabilities are that the

It may possibly not be apparent to Mr. pirates and their booty would have long

THE Archimedean lever of the Chinese Times has fallen foul of this model colony, and with courteous but forcible exactness directed attention to one or two of its most glaring shortcomings in a fashion strongly loudly yaunted guld conceit o' corsels, which has so frequently exposed the community at large-lock stock and barrel as the saying is-to the contemptuous ridicule of all impartial reviewers. And we are strongly inclined to hold the opinion. that our Tientsin colleague has ample usuncation for his pithy remarks, which are of especial value and may possibly have a salutary effect as a critical conclusion of the light in which the marvellously unique citizens of Hongkong and their idiosyncracies appear to an intelligent and unblased outsider.

Oh, wad some power the giftle gle us

cong Government; but if that was immunity from active pursuit of not more globe a happier family than actually being applied to, very naturally would reach Hongkong about 3 o'clock British enterprise and prosperity, and Tongkong Government to the extent shortly after daylight, all the available Par Eastern politics; but its true position enue of ulsere Kaipan to accompany the belikely to adopt in order to escape from and are but indifferently understood by the gunboat, il the Commodore had no what they were justified in believing would the outside world, mainly owing to the

'accompany the expedition. And H.M.S. to the Hongkong Government thought it partisans of the Sir Grorer Bowen pattern Limel, an obsolete tub that can scarcely worth while to carefully analyse, this not who have done everything in their power absurd pretensions the laughing-stock of

Government was about to allow the colony China. ... The implied criticismi is fair enough and well founded. It cer tainly, does seem very singular that with our boasted police organization the rate-payers, not the slightest whisner been heard until it became an accomplished celebrities, were occupying, their valuable time in doing, during the hatching of this most complete instance of skilled Chinese "Did the pirates divide the plunder and | villainy has not yet come to light, unless we are to conclude from the daily proceedings at the Magistracy that established principle that unity is strength? is considered in official quarters of more importance to crowd the prison with wrotched mendicants, unlicensed hawkers! ragged votaries of games of chance oplum runners, and other petty offenders than to detect gigantic and far-reaching conspiracies and prevent contention that this was a valid reason for at Mendoza or on the Chinese mainland. that malter—suggesting that some weighty delaying the despatch of the Linuit from The dangers of proceeding inland and explanation is due to the community

> terrible to contemplate. Tempora Mutanturi Less than a dozen Ouk old friend the Rev. "Joe" Cook with whom | MESSRS. Kelly and Walsh, Limited, have been official circles has any thing to answer for. Our "leading citizens" are too busy just at present in bolstering up the forthcoming Jubilee mummeries to have any time to devote either to the remedying of Govern- Lyesterday, when he ran his barrow athwart the ment incapacity and neglect or the redress of serious public grievances. Verb. Sap.

" Hongkong," says our critical friend of the Chinese, Times, !! is no doubt wonderful little colony, and it is never tired little more attention to good government imittee. would be a more wholesome note to strike attheapproaching jubilation." Our respon- Or all the parasites who cling to, and gain a sible Government officials and public- precarious existence by virtue of the corruption spirited leading citizens alike, will show wisdom and discretion; by carefully taking to heart and consistently acting "upon" the excellent advice contained in the foregoing all classes of the community, no add rolls

that the Nippon Yusan Kaisha are ex'ending lallowed to sit in a dingy room and have not only the sphere of their operations and have arranged, the countenance, but the protection of that rotten to run the Teuruga Maru between Japan and rag called law and go free, in a mystery that com-

Captain Strung of the Chinese track. What plans, therefore, would they politically, have been greatly exaggerated from some one whom sheet had bester but did becoming her and which would have understoodly not know. At the samotime a Sergeant in their, sounded the knell of their privilege of exorbitant Tengunpost, it the commodore indeed were justined in delieving would the outside world, mainly owing to the soldiers were tried, eapyle and short soldiers which and irrespondence the a thord or a thoroughly organised and powerful foolish and irresponsible cackling of a twenty-four hours. The next day another soldier, thus and for a time paly, the sods of common arranged that this gentlemen should I bedy of pursuers ! Hee anybody belanging | crowd of light-headed and self-seeking | surrendered as the murderer !

THE Governor and Commander-in-Chief bas been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Edward Milner,-Scots-Guards,-to-be-His - Excellency's Aide-de-Camp, with local rank of Captain.

day supreme land thoughout

H.M. the King of Siam recently, visited the Oriental Hotel at Bangkok for the purpose of judging of its suitability for the new Custom House which it has been decided to establish

It'is said that the Russian Government has instructed the Russian Minister at Soul to negotiate with the Korean Government for the continuation of the submarine cable from Gensan to Vindivostock, via Kriko,

IN discussing the question of the extension of the Inpanese Navy, in a long article evidently inspired by high Naval authorities, the Mainichi Shimbun states that it is the intention of the Japanese Government to increase the Navy by some 45,000 tons, in other words, by adding nnout 25 new ressels. I his would give an eneco tive fleet of fifty vessels, irrespective of torpedo boats and additional coast defences.

Some idea of the "busted" condition of Honge kong on this, the eve of its Jubilee, may be gathered from the fact that, great as were the number of summonses issued by the Summary Court in 1879 in respect to difficulties arising out of unpaid p/notes, chits, I.O.Us, bankruptcies, " holts," etc., etc., the total number of that Court's billets down distributed around the colony in 1900 beats all previous records by

A SPECIMEN number of Le Tadon, a French "drily" to be published in Yokohama on and after the 1st instant, bus reached us. Its four pages are well printed the matter in its 12 columns is well arranged and its "leader" on French trade with Japan, is indicative of careful thought, sound education and undoubted ability. We wish M. Latour, the editor, better success than attendend the efforts put forth by his preceesors who " ran " the now defunct L'Echi du. Tapos, which merely echoed in Jipin and then died away into the unknown depths of

A CORRESPONDENT sends us an account of the annust athletic sports which were successfully carried through at Hoihow on Christmas Day. The programme is altogether too long for us to rive a detailed report of the day's amusements; but that a sporting spirit pervades the Hothow. formmunity is undeniable, for notwithstanding the fact that the thermometer stood at 200, both the aid and the young seem to have competed for the various events. There was a ladies race an egg and spron race; a flat race, a threelegged race, and a pig race; and for old time association let us hope there was also an "Aunt Sally," but no mention is made of that venerable

Winglok Street led to what was called results of "secret prayer," "Joe" took his text fashion:-" when thou hast entered, shut the | well as the tides, are all noticed and entered in closet door" and in his opinion this mode has five essential qualities-adoration, confession, thanksgiving petition, and total self-surrender to the will of the powers that be. The last two of these attributes. Mr. Cook thinks, are the principal ones to he kept in view, but from what we have lately experienced we don't think the results our out worth a cent. In our bosom "Ine" has always been as a "stranger in the lar d" owing to our differences on this pointand on the trifling question of temperance as THE annual meeting of the District Grand

THE dangers attendant on a stroll through the streets of Honekong are many and various Attempt to cross Officens Road anywhere between the Club and the Hongkong Bank and If you are not run over by a broker who spreadengle fashion is chasing an imaginary client, von will "certainly" be impaled on the shafts of an outside chair. We, in common with those who are athirst and seek for knowledge, semetimes stroll into the Hongkong Hotel for the purpose of annexing one the many beautiful tracts, that a highly religious Directorate allow to be deposited in that popular resort, and have had to withstand the determined rush of at least a score of of the latter, however, charged the wrong man bows of Captain Balfour, R.N. and badly damaged the same. The coolie was up before the "brak" this morning and was wisely fined there shekels of silver in default of which he would have to spend ten days in quiet' retirement. The fine was paid, for the accused was of boasting of its wealth, its enterprise, and heard to whisper to a friend, that he was hourly its resources. But a little less tall talk and but expecting an invitation to join the Jubilee Com-

which attains to the administration of law in this, the 13th century, none are so vile and contemptible as the ordinary legal adviser. And why in these, days of keen commercial competition one, and one branch only, of all trades should sentences during, the proposed. Jubilee be privileged to put its own exorbitant price on celebrations, and particularly in keeping, an article that it tenders for sale, any more than a within reasonable limits that tendency to butcher or a b ker, is a wrong that these latter Munchausen-like claptrap regarding the respectable tradesmen should seek to have repurely imaginary extraordinary enterprise processed at once. In all truth we have received wealth and resources of the colony, which far hettervalue for our money when an Irish in the past by begetting over-confidence starched and its returned us our linen shirt and incling reckless speculation, has been, received from our ... legal adviser"-save attended, with such disastrous results, to the mark -who charges a see of \$100 for drawing out a document that was not only ungrammatical and worthless for the purpose for which it was originally drafted, but had actuall to he reconstructed. A conviction for highway sabbery carries with it certain heavy penalties Our Shanghal morning contemporary reports, is a thousand times more contemptible, should be mon sense and logic seek in vainto solve. "Every dog has his day? and we suppose those of the As regards, the administration; of justice, Houges wig and gown will have, theirs for a little time kong is pot much worse off than Russis after all longer, anyhow, In Australia, which is par for we read in a late continental exchange that exchange the land of freedom, the common three ye ung soldiers a near Warship , who had tradesmen of the law solidiors and barristers returned from, a debauch with blord on thew. to wit have had to full back on trades unionism. clothes, and in explanation stated that it come, to defeat a measure, that was on the point of regiment, was found muidated and she thies, charulag but by solitation with the law officers

IT is notified in Saturday's . Gasette that on and offer 1st January, 1891, the rate of postage hetween... Hongkong and countries within the Postal Union will be reduced to 7 cents per half

THE collin of the ex-Governor-General of Liang King is st.ll lying in state in the Nanking Viceregal palace. Preparations are now being made for its removal and return to Hunan, the home of Trong Kuo-chuan. The date for starting is fixed for the 4th Inst.

THE Stam Mercantile Gazette thus:-"The ceremonies and festivities in connection with the hair cutting of the Crown Prince will take place about the middle of January." Foreigners and globe-trotters will have excellent opportunities of witnessing the gorgeous processions and unique customs of Siam on this occasion."

GOLFERS Will have quite a field day to-day when the MacEwen Challenge Cup; will be played for in Happy Valley: Play will commence "t to o'clock, and by permission of the stewards of the Jockey Club, lunch will be served in the Grand Stand. Intending competitors will find scoring cards and rules of the Club, on the

AT a meeting of the proposed sharebrokers association held at Singapore on the 10th tilto. a draft constitution, rules, and scale of prices were approved, and it was resolved to submit all these to the consideration of the Chamber's Commerce: The rules provide for a daily meeting at a fixed hour, a committee to hear complaints, power to expel and the advertise the expulsion, and other like affairs?

GRORGE SEYMOUR of the British ship Abyssinia pleaded guilty on the vetb ulto, in H.B.M.'s Court for Japan, at Yokohama, before Judge Hannen, of having stabled William Nicol Wright, usber of the Court, on the 24th of Nov. with intent to do him grievous bodily harm. The jury summoned to try the case having been dismissed, his Honour, after enlogising the conduct of the Japanese who assisted in arresting the accused, passed sentence of eight months! imprisonment with hard labour.

THE five Cl. inamen who were arrested on suspicion of having been concerned in the Namos piracy were brought before M. Wise at the Police Court on the 30th ultr., and as no direct evidence could be brought against them they were discharged. There is, however, one man still in custody who was arrested on the same grounds and who was identified by an officer belonging to the Namoa. He will be brought before the magistrate, when the necessary witnesses return from Foodbort....

good enough to send us a pocket nightical manual for or which is one of the most inseful and at the same time inexpensive works that mariners and buoys on the coasts of China and Inpan, as the most handy form for ready reference. The "Nautical Manual" should be in the pocket of every mariner who travels about the Eastern seas. We have also to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of "China's Intercourse With Europe," by E. H. Parker, issued by the same enterprising publishers, which is a valuable work of reference.

Lodge of Hongkong and South China was held last night (20th ulto.) in the Masonic Hall. There was a large attendance of members of the District Grand Lodge and of the Crait generally. After the customary husiness had been completed the R. W. Grand Master addressed the Lodge and then invested the following office beavers for the ensuing year :-

D. G. M .- R. Wor, Bro. C. P. Chater

D. D. G. M-Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray. Victoria Lodge, 10:6 Senior Warden-Wot. Bro. D. Giller, Zetland Lodge, 525

Junior Warden-Wor. Bro. G. C. Cox, Zetland Lodger 525 1 1 11 13

Chaplain-Bro. G. H. Bondfield, Zetland Lodge, \$25

Treasurer - Wor, Bro. I. McLeavy Brown, Victoria Lodge, 1026 Registrar-W. Bro. A. D. Death. Zetland Lodge, 525

President of Board of General Purposes-Wor. Bro. F. W. Henermann. Zetland Lodge, 525 Secretary-Wot Bro. A. O'D. Goutdin.

Victoria Lodge, 1026 Sentor Descon-Wor. Bro. Wm. Baker. United Service, 1341 Tuntor Deacon-Wor. Bro, G. C. An-

deraon, Zetland, Lodge, 525 Superintendent of Works-Bro. A. Shel-Hon Hooper, Perseverance, 1165 and Director of Ceremonies - Wot. Broi C. S.

Powell, Ionic Lodge, 1781 Assistant Director of Caramonies -- Wos. Bro. P. H. Brewitt, Perseverance Lodge,

Sword Bearer -- Bro. J. Bryant, United Service Lodge, 1341 Standard Bearer -- Bro, H. N. Mody. . denie Perseverance Lodge, 1161 and dog. Standard Bearer Bro. O. M. R. Möller.

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Suward-Broy H. B. Weeks, Poeche Lodge 1912 Steward-Bio. F. B. Marshall Jonle Lodge, 1781

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Hall Museum for the week ending Dec. 28th, are; -Europeans 1.7, and Chinese 1,28%; total 1,415

MR. F. FLEMING'S success as president of the Legislative Council during the past ten months resulted in the unefficial members of the Council entertaining him at dinner at the Hongkong Club on the 27th ulto. Major-General Digby Barker, C H., Sir James Russell and Mr. Thos. Jackson were amongst the guests on the occasion.

INTELLIGENCE has arrived in Singapore by wire, to the Agent of the P. & O. Company, that the steamship Nepaul, which was stranded in a dense fog on Ply mouth Breakwater when upon her homeward voyage from Calcutta (says the Free Press is now a total loss, the vessel having gone to pieces. Salvage operations are still going on actively at the wreck of the P. & O. steamship Hongkong which'r n upon the Azalea Rock off. the island of Perim;

SIR Cecil Smith, the Governor of the Straits Settlements, has consented to preside at the Singapore Cricket Club dinner on the 12th instant. From Sir Cecil Smith's close-official associations with both, Hongkong and Ceylon; and the deep personal regard felt for him by the public of both of these Colonies, it is beculiarly. appropriate that to him should, fall the pleasant duty of presiding at the Club dinner to the visiting sporting representatives from Colombo and Hongkong

usual Boxing Day "march out" at Kowloon on authority for stating that Governor Des Vosux the 26th ulto. It was nothing like the success it received a telegram, when passing through should have been owing to the unusually meagre | Singapore the other day, to the effect that M: muster. The firing, though, was good in every respect, and resulted in the utter annihilation of of lime thrown in his face at historical Kilkenny the imaginary enemy. At about 2 o'clock No. 1 chow-chow was served in Mr. Mody's hungalow after which there was a good deal of entertainment for the doughty warriors in the shape of speeches, toxits, songs and recitations.

AT an extraordinary meeting of shareholders of the Songei Koyah and Lamag Planting Companies held on Saturday, the 27th ultimo, a resolution ratifying the sale of the Songel Koyah, and Laining Planting Companies properties; in Bornen, to a London Company for the sum of Isles in common with the rest of the world. _ £40,000, was, upon the motion of Mr. C. S. Sharp (Chairman), seconded by Mr. H. L. Dairymple, carried unanimously. It will be observed by an advertisement in another column that ar extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the East Borneo Co, is called for Saturday, the 3rd ultimo, for the purpose of empowering the Directors of that Company, in conjunction with the General Managers of the Lamag and Songei Koyah Companies, to accept the offer of £13,333 61, 8d. as its share of the £40,000 payable a London Company for the three companies' properties in British North Borneo.

Masons at the meeting of Zetland Lodge on Saturday night 27th ulto.) on the occasion of the installation of Bro. G. Anderson as Worshipful Master for the cutuing year. Right Wor, Bro, the Hon, C. P. Chater, District Grand Master, who was attended by the District Grand Lodge Officers, performed the ceremony, assisted by Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, Deputy District Grand there. Sometimes house-rent was paid and Master. Wor. Bro. Anderson afterwards invented his officers as follows :- S.W., Bro. . Caldwell : J.D., Bro. H. Sampson : Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. (. H. Bondfield : Treasurer, Bro. A. E. Birele, Convetery, Res. J. D. Relle S.D. Pro. J. Forbes; J.D., Bro W.A. Cruickshank; D.C., Bro. J. Mendham; I.G., Bro. G. Piercy Steward, Bro. H. C. Manning; Tyler, Bro. Maxwell. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to supper, and the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CHEW HO CHAI, a chair coolie in the employ of | shown such good-judgment in dispensing the Mr. Kelley, was found dead by the Police in a | funds of the society and thereby relieved much coolie house at No. 28. Gage Street, on Friday night last. A post mortem held on the body by Dr. Marquis revealed the fact that there were marks of Molence about the body, but in the Doctor's opinion not sufficient to have caused death. From information obtained by the Police it appears that Mr. Kelley had suspended the deceased for a few days, on the 20th ulto., owing to the other three coolies refusing to work any longer with him. Nothing more was seen of him until the evening of the same day, when he came to the coolie house kept by his uncle in Gage Street suffering from bruises about the body, and complained that one of the old coolies and a new one taken on in his place had beaten him, and that he felt very sick. He died about to o'clock in the same night. The Police have arrested the two coolies accused, and had brought before Mr. Wise at the Police Court on the 20th ulto., where they were charged with causing the death of deceased. The case was

remanded. THE augivalled success which attended the brilliant racing career of Mr. C. P. Chater in Hongkong and Shanghai has, so far, not followed his efforts to achieve fame on English race-Our popular local "sport," we believe, "has been a liberal purchaser of promising blood stock, in some instances paying high prices for well bred yearlings; but no notable victory has yet rewarded his enterprise, although a sounder judge of racers and racing. or a more experienced trainer than lames Waugh is not to be found at Newmarket or elsewhere. Better luck will no doubt come in time, but racing must be an unsatisfactory bustness to follow when the owner is ten thousand miles away from the scene of operations and unable to take any active part in either selecting his study controlling his borses in training. Mr. Chater's sole practical knowledge of racers and racing was acquired in the Far East, but to those acquainted with his racing career here, there cannot be the least doubt that to his rarely making a mistake in the merits of the Mongolian pony, and exceptionally accurate judgment in racing matters generally, his victorious career was principally due. It shouldn't be forgotten, course, that Mr. "Paul's" ponies were always admirably trained-poor Mat. Nickels had no superior in this department—and skilfully ridden, also that money was never allowed to stand in have been caused by our observing in the Sportsman that Mr. Chater's two-year filly Teannie, carrying vist. 7lb., took part in the Chosterfield Nursery. Studes of a mod soys, at the or Jeannio in a handleap at Newmarket or of a new roof of galvanized iron over the pipe with revolvers and ammunition, but mone had been

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City | THE monthly competition for the Faki Challenge Cup presented by Dr. Noble, was held on the 27.h ulto, and was won, a second time, by P.C. A. Watson, Only seven members competed and the shooting was indifferent.

> WE are in receipt of news from Korea to the effect that Judge Denny is to be paid off at once the Korean Government and has been compelled to haul down the Korcan flag which he persistently heisted on a flag-staff at bis residence at the capital during the past two years. Mr. Greathouse, late United States Corsul-General at Yokohama, succeeds Judge Denny as foreign Adviser, and Vice-President of the Korean Home Office.

> EARLY on the morning of the 27th ulto, the police arrested a man at Praya West on suspicion of heing concerned in the late piracy case. He was taken to the Central Station and placed with a number of men for the purpose of having him identified, if possible, by the officers of the Namoa. "Mr. Jones, the 3rd engineer, promptly and positively identified the prisoner as being a member of the gang, and Mr. W. F. McIntosh, although not so certain as Mr. Jones, picked the same man out from the crowd who were drawn up in line before him for inspection. The man was thereupon formally charged with being concern d in the acts of murder and pillage committed on board the Namos on the 10th ulto. He appeared before the Magistrate on Monday the 29th, and pleaded not guilty.

THE Hongkong Attillery Volunteers did the THE Straits Times of the 19th ulto, is our Parnell, while travelling in Ireland, had a bag and that he was seriously injured in consequence, but the doctors who were in attendance hoped to preserve Mr. Parnell's 'eyesight. "If this is true we wonder the information has not been cabled by Reuter, but we suppose the old lady who manipulates the wires in London was too deeply immersed in ineteorological studies, fo of late she has devoted all her energies to the task of scuding us thrilling accounts of the rise and fall in the temperature, the rain and snow storms, etc., which occur in the British

interested in and subscribers to the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held at the City was largely attended. Amongst those present [(Applause). were Mr. Thomas Jackson (Chairman) Mrs. W. H. Forbes (President); Mrs. Harman (Vice-President) : Mrs. ; Mackintosh (Hon. Treasurer); Mrs. Noble (Hon. Secretary); Mmes Burdon, Hartigan and Layton. Messis. J. J. Keswick, Granville Sharp and several others. In opening the proceedings the Chairman explained that the society was formed THERE was an exceptionally large gathering of in September 1889 for the purpose of rendering assistance in cases of sickness, want, poverty or distress arrising from time to time amongst persons other than members of the Chinese and Portuguese communities of the Colony. When it was found necessary that persons should be removed to the hospital

THE first annual general meeting of those

the Society assisted them to pay their expenses schooling provided for. In other cases help was given towards the passage money of persons' returning home in indigent circumstances. At time such aid was afforded as enabled those in straitened circumstances to tide over difficulties and make a tresh start. Upon the motion of Mrs Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Hirst the report and accounts for the year 1890 were passed seem. con. The Committee which retired in accordance with the rules of Society, being eligible, were re-elected by ballot. Mr. Sharp then proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee which had real distress. Mr. Keswick in seconding said that the wise discretion exercised by the Committee was worthy of all praise. The report showed that a great deal of useful work had been done and that there was a wide field for the labours of the society. The vote of thanks.

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

which was carried by acclamation, brought the

general merting to a close.

On the afternoon of the 27th thio, a number of shareholders, at the invitation of the directorate, in the Hongkong Brick and Cement Company Limited, paid a visit to the company's works at DeepBay. The object of the visit was to afford the shareholders an opportunity of inspecting the work of the establishment in the manufecture of fire-bricks, drain pipes, paving bricks and tiles etc. The process of pipe making was carefully observed, Mr. Andrew Johnston explaining every detail in a thorough and painstaking manner: Some pipes, a portion of a large order for Government, were inspected, and are acknowledged by experts to be superior to anything of the kind imported from Europe. From what we can gather the company is doing a large and rapidly increasing business; and is, in fact, in a very healthy condition. We have much pleasure in congratulating the company upon its undoubted success.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING

Of shareholders in the above named company was held at the offices of the company on the | no answer opened it and went in, but there afternoon of the 20th ult. There were present Mr. David Gillies (Chairman); Messre. C. P. Chater, B. Coughtrie, E. L. Woodin, W. Wotton | keys of the treasure room they would shoot him (Directors): G. Anderson, W. H. Kew, Geo.

Fenwick, A. E. Skeels, H. James, G. Ray, W. H. | chief officer kept the keys, and, as it was, locked Walker (Secretary) and several others. The Chairman-Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts having been in your marched down to the treasure-room which he hands for some time, we will, with your permission, consider them as having been read. The information regarding the position of the Company is so very fully detailed in the report that I have but little to add to it. You are al', probably, well aware that a great deal of money has and after remaining there a few minutes steps leading down into the forecastle. They been lost in the initial stage of our business from he was again summoned by the pirates and wanted the windless broken so as to preven incapable management and in the purchase of taken to the engine room sky-light to call those, the officers from lifting, it, and thereby plant ill-adapted to the working of the clay on | who were down below to come up on deck. He | getting back to Hongkong quickly. The was in the market' but all these advantages | the Company's property, but your Directors are shouted down to the third engineer, who came are manifestly strengthened by the shrewdness | glad to inform you that all our difficulties have on deck with the second engineer and the third and sound ju Igment of the owner himself. And now, in a great measure, been overcome that officer. They were immediately surrounded by to preventing the speedy return of it is more than likely that had Mr. Chater been | we have now passed from the experimental | pirates and taken to the Captain's cabis, where a in England to exercise some personal supervision state to one of active production, and that few minutes after their arrival Capt. Pecock over his race-horses during the past season, his there is a strady and large demand for our expired. They all remained in the cable until balance at Weatherby's woold have been more manufactures at remunerative rates. The resatisfactory than is the case. These reflections arrangements of the Company's plant and machinery has produced very satisfactory results. increasing the production very considerably, with a reduction in the cost of labour, but in conse- | was lying dead alongside the wheel. Witness quence of the many large orders that are now said he could recognize the leader of the gang, and Derby November Meeting. As she started at coming in hom the out-ports your Directors a man who seemed to be second in command who to to I in a field of 25, her chance of winning are of opinion that to enable us to cope with was always with the leader and both of whom was, probably not thought very highly of, and them, a further extension of our works will be accompanied him to the various places he was as a matter of fact she didn't finish in the leading | necessary, inasmuch as the contract entered into | taken to about the ship. The other men were Aoren, but to make matters worse the Stewards | with the Colonial Government will of itself keep | placed in separate stations and appeared to have Imposed a fine of one sovereign on the owner the works fully employed for over 9 months. a knowledge of the ship. Witness only saw about for not declaring his colours. If Mr. Chater (applauce). The extent of the increased facilities 20 pirates, but he considered there must have would once more declare his colours in the which the Directors recommend will consist of a been many more. In his opinion resistance was Happy Valley, Hongkong lovers of true sport series of four new kilns, one new pan mill, one impossible at any time. He saw the second would gladly give the popular "straw jacket and new pipe machine to make up to 30 inches engineer fire a revolver shot, but he was running white cap" a warm reception next February, diameter and a new drying shed, making a sum at the time and didn't appear to have taken aim. and he would, we feel certain, experience greater of \$8 406; but in addition to this the Directand he could not say whether he hit any of them oleasure in again winning the Challenge Cup or | tors have already sanctioned the erection of one | or not. Witness understood that it was a rule Champions' than by the victory of Kate Allen | new kiln to complete the series of four, the fixing of the Company to supply all their officers

execute all orders as they come along we should

Mr. Fenwick-Is it an order or merely a request for quotations ?-The Secretary-It is an order to ship a large consignment in addition to that which is now in

preparation for the s me destination. The Chairman-Yes, that is it. " I think a call of \$3 per share will be sufficient to enable us to so extend our premises and increase the machinery so as to be able to meet the ever increasing demand for our products. Mr. Fenwick-Will there be much more

expense in connection with the European The Chairman-We propose to lay out \$3.000

altogether, and of that sum \$1,500 has already been expended. Mr. Gomes-Is the profit calculated up to the

end of this year? The Chairman-No, the kilns have cost us good deal, and there have been other expenses this year which are not taken into account. The new kilns are very satisfactory so we are not likely to lose any more owing to faulty kilns. have now to move the adoption of the report and

was carried unanimously. Messrs, W. Wootton and E. L. Woodin were re-elected directors, upon the motion of Mr Coughtrie, seconded by Mr. Skeels.

Mr. Anderson proposed and Mr. James seconded, that Messrs, W. H. Potts and H year. Carried unanimously.

In acknowledging a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. James, which was carried by acclamation. the Chairman said he regretted the report was not quite so good as he should have liked to hand to the shareholders. The Company had had a great deal of uphill work to contend against, that was now evercome and he and the Board of Directors had hopes that are the year 1801 closed they would have the pleasure of furnishing the shareholders with a most satisfac-Hall at noon on the 20th ulto. The meeting | tory report of the condition of the Company.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

THE "NAMOA" PIRACI. MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

Mr. Wodehouse continued the inquiry into the circumstances connected with the death of Capt. T. G. Pocock, Mr. Petersen and others, who were murdered by pirates on board the British steamship Namos on the 10th of December.

THE SECOND OFFICER'S STATEMENT. Mr. T. Richardson, second officer of the Namoa. they heard two or three shots fired on the upper their rooms, where the second engineer secured along the 'tween deck until they reached' or three shots were fired at them from the upper deck. The second engineer returned a shot passengers. At that time the pirates were at the with his revolver and then ran down to the helm. He, witness, was standing at the top of that the key had been 'removed from its forecastle, which he found crammed with Chinese customary place over the wash stand, where he passengers, both men and women. It was so had seen it that morning. He remained in his crowded that there was no room for them to sit rorm about 20 minutes while shots were being down. The pirates closed the skylight and laid thrown down the 'tween deck. There was a place of exit from and entrance to two miles to the southward of them. The boatswain first came to witness' room, and knocking at the doortold him if he went on deck and gave himself up he would not be harmed by the pirates. He then went up the companion stairs. at the head of which he was surrounded by four pirates armed with revolvers, who took him to the Captain's room, where he discovered the captain alone, staggering about with a bullet wound in his side. As soon as the Captain saw witness he called him by name and throwing his arms about his neck and clinging to him in dying agony said "I am dying," 'Witness laid him on the bed and he asked for some water, which the eader of the pirates had brought to him in a tin cup, but the Captain being unable to drink it witness bathed his forehead. The Captain then told witness if ever he reached Hongkong to give his love to his wife. Shortly afterwards the " tindal " came to witness and told him that the pirates wanted him to go down into the saloon, which he did; on arriving there he discovered Mr. McIntosh in the after part of the saloon. Witness told him to go up to the Captain's cabin and that the Captain was dying there. Mr. McIntosh, with the others in the saloon, then went up to the Captain's cabin followed by witness, who was again marched off in search of the chief officer. Thinking he would be in his room he went there, conducted by pirates; he knocked at the door and receiving of it. was no one inside. The "tindal" then told him that the pirates said if he didn't get them the so he then pointed out the drawer in which the they forced it open with their axes. Witness then picked out the treasure-room key and was unlocked; and on the pirates searching it and discovering nothing of value they appeared very angry and shook their axes over his head in a threatening manner, after which they marched him back to the Captain's cabin, kept guard the whole time at the top of the

after the pirates left. After they had got the ship under way the chief officer sent him aft to see if the wheel chains were in order, and is doing so he sipmbled over the body of Mr. Petersen, who

outlay for the whole of \$1,520. So that, altogether, on the Namon, and he knew that most of the a sum of short \$9.026, will be required for the other offi ou had got none from the Company. proposed increase to 'our plant-but' this The revolver which the second engineer expenditure will have to be met by a further had was private property. In other ships call upon the shareholders. The directors witness had been in, the captain or chief will be glad to have the opinion of the officer was responsible for the serving out shareholders on the subject of the "call." of revolvers and ammunition, and he thought Only to-day, a large order has come in, if they had been supplied with them they would by wire, from Singapore, which will put pressure have been of service. When first he went on on the works. Had we sufficient means to deck witness noticed that each of the pirates was smoking an ordinary cigar, which he considered he able to make greater profits than is now the was a signal of some kind connected with the attack, and he believed that they had their arms concealed on their persons all the time prior to the attack. He did not think that the crew were mixed up in the affair in any way.

> THE IDENTIFICATION OF MR. PETERSEN. Captain Booth of the Chinese Revenue cruiser Fei Hoo, said he saw the body of Petersen at the Mortuary on the 11th instant. The deceased was n light-keeper in the employ of the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs Service. He was Lither a Dan's or a Swede, and an acquaintance he knew, Petersen was unmarried.

of the witness for about to years. As far as THE BOATSWAIN'S EXPERIENCES. Tong Asing, boatswain of the Namoa, said that he was having tiffin in the forecastle on the 10th instant together with 16 others, memof the crew. The forecastle was shut off from the Chinese passengers' quarters by a bulkhead, so that he could not, at that time, see them. At that hour he heard the report of firearms on the upper deck and at the same time the compradore came running down into the forecastle. He heard the compradore accounts. Mr. Ray seconded and the motion | say "I'm afraid of you," and saw him run into one of the sailor's baths and cover himself up with a blanket. Upon seeing this he sent a sailor up on deck to see what was the matter, and when the manget half way up the ladder he was fired at, and at once came down again. At the same time a c. uple of stinkpots we thrown down into the. Harms be re-elected auditors for the ensuing forecastle. The stinkpots nearly stifled him. Shortly after that the pirate chief sang out for the boatswain to appear before him. He did not dare to go up, knowing the pirates were there. Ultimately he went up and was grabbed by a pirate who told him not to be afraid. He then told him he wanted all the European officers to go on deck and that if they would do so they would not be hurt, for all they (the pirates) wanted was money, not lives. Witness then went down. into the mess-room while the pirates waited on deck. The accord officer was down there. so witness brought him up. He, witness, was afraid that the pirates would burn the ship. The pirates took them to the Captain's. aft, where they demanded the key of the treasure-room, which was ultimately found in the chief officer's room. did not find money in the treasure-room. getting on deck they threatened to shoot aim. The second officer called the second engineer and two other Europeans up from the 'engine room. As soon as they came on deck, they were searched and put into the aptain's cabin. He next went down to the saloon and brought out the passen-The pirate chief told him, to said that after he had had his tiffin he was sitting | say that they need not be afraid and that in the 'tween dick with the second engineer when | they'd all leave the ship at 8 p.m.. The passengers then came up and were robbed of deck. They immediately got up and ran to all their jewellery and money. After that the chief ordered him go to the wheela revolver, and then they both went back house. While they were speaking the other pirates said "better go and search the Chithe ladder leading to the main deck, when two | nese passengers." The chief then left him | The MIN STAKES; forced entry of \$10: for. and went with the others to search the

engine room. Witness van to his ow room and the for'ard 'tween deck companion. When left closed the door, and wishing to lock it discovered | alone, as he then was, he made his way to the fired at his room door and "stink-pots" a heavy chain on it. There was no other great deal of noise, shouting and running about. forecastle than the said skylight. The pirates the decks. From the port hole of his room he made him, go down into the forecastle, where could distinguish the Island of Mendoza about he stayed until 8,30 p.m. At about 4 p.m. the pirates came to the forecastle and ordered the cook up to prepare rice for them. After being shut up in the forecastle he could hear the noise of boxes being broken open. The cook went up, as soon as called, and did not return. At 7 o'clock he noticed the ship was going very slow, and he heard several blasts of the whistle. At 8.30 p.m. the pirate chief ordered him to go up on deck to let go the anchor. He at once went up with the carpen'er and let go the anchor. While doing it they threatened to shoot him if he was not quick about it. He "paid out" 30 fathoms of cable. One of the pirates ordered him, to disable the windlass. Witness then said it was broken already, . The chief then, pointing his revolver at him, said "is it really broken?" to which he

replied "yes, it is." Then the pirates threw four lamps overboard. At the time he letgo the anchor he saw three lunks sailing away from the Namoa and three others alongside. The pirates then, shortly afterwards left the ship, but before going over the side said "we've spared your ives. If anything turns up by and by, just keep quiet. We've made about \$20,000." They were in good spirits. He, then went back into the forecastle to get a cup of tea, and subsequently went aft to the captain's cabin. As far as he knew no Chinese passengers were killed. If any of them were slain he thought he would have heard

His Worship-We've heard that two women and a child were killed? Witness-I don't think so. Continuing, witness said he was roughly handled when being put down in the forecastle. He would know some of the pirates again should be ever see them. The quartermaster who | 24 sec. ... steered the ship that afternoon could identify the chief and several others. The pirates used a pass-word, kai-lai, and never used their surnames. The passengers in the forecastle did not make a noise, they merely cried. The women were very quiet also. Two armed men was also an act committed with a view Names to port. He assured the pirates that the windless was broken by showing them two pieces of iron, two handles, which he said were fragments of the mechanism connected with the windless. Some of the pirates suggested that it would be well to run the ship ashere but the chief said "no, a lot of lives might be lost; it will be sufficient to let go the anchor." He did not hear who shot the Captain, and saw, no one either shot or wounded. He did not see, at the time he was on deck, any of the three quartermasters shot at.

At this juncture the inquiry was adjourned until Tuesday week, the 6th of January,...

FOOCHOW RACES

The winter meeting at Foochow this year is described as eno of the most successful gatherings that has ever been held at that port. The racing was excellent, and it is a noteworthy fact that out of ten Subscription griffins seven should be machine, and a set of 18 and 20 inch dies at an supplied him during the six months he had been

The following details of the events are taken from the Foochow Echo:-

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1890. The STEWARDS' CUP, (presented), value \$100; formall China Popies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. Half a mile. Mr. Min's Resper Mr. Baker I.

Mr. Camera's Yama Mr. Hutchings 2 Reaper jumped of with the lead closely followed by Vendetia; on entering the s'raight Yama took second place and a fine race ended in favour of Reaper by a head. Rime 64 secs. The-MAIDEN-STAKES, forced entry of \$10 cach with \$50 added; \$125 to the First Feny. \$25

to the Second; for subscription Giffins; weights as per scale Three-quarters of a taile. Captain Hope's Monterey......Mr. Slemssen Mr. Drumbart's Santa Rosa...Mr. Drummond Mr. Ten Broeck's Wild Duck...Mr. Hutchings Six ran, Wild Duck on the rails led to about

the mile post, where Monterey took the lead and coming away won in a canter. Santa Rosa beat Wild Duck for second place. Time, I min. 36 2.5ths sec.

The CHAASZE CUP; value \$100; second pony to receive \$35; entrance \$5; for Subscription Griffins of this or previous meetings; weights as per scale. One mile and a half.

Five ran. Yarrum and Fritz cut out the pace at the start and, soon raced themselves, out leaving Haymaker well in front. At the half-mile | Mr. Ten Broeck's Wild Duck |..... Mr. Baker a vigorous challenge. Haymaker was never

Time, 3 min, 30 sec. The COMPRADORES' CUP: value \$ ' for all China ponies; entrance \$5; weights as perscale. One mile.

caught and won easily by about five lengths.

Mr. Belmore's Witchcraft......Mr. Geaves 3 The trio raced together once round, when Witchcraft had shot his bolt, and Titmouse and

Reaper drew away, the former having the best

of it by a length. Time, 2 min. 14 sec. The STAND STAKES; of \$5 each, with \$50 added, divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent to the First Second and Third Ponies: for Subscription Griffins of this or previous meetings; weights as per scale; winners at this or previous meetings tolb. extra. Seven furlongs.

Captain Hope's Monterey......Mr. Siemssen Mr. Min's PloughboyMr. Baker 2 Mr. Esher's SandownMr. Greaves 3 Five fan. Monterey going well within himself all the way won easily. Ploughboy and Sandown were second and third respectively. The others not in it. Time, I min. 58 1-5th sec. The HONGKONG CUP : (presented) : value \$200 entrance \$10; for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners 7lbs, extra. One mile and a half.

Mr. Ten Broeck's Wild Mint...Mr. Hutchings Mr. Camera's Yama......Mr. Oswald '2 Mr. Richam's Vendetta.....Mr. Coutts 19 Wild Mint and Vendetta together led for the

first mile, when Yama challenged and Vendetta fell into third place; a good race ensued, Wild Mint winning by half a length. Time, a min.

Subscription Griffins; weights as per scale;

winners place ander. One will and a quaster Mr. Buster's BravoMr. Hutchings Mr. Drumbart's Santa Ross...Mr. Drummond Mr. Min's HaymakerMr. Baker 3 After one false start the lot got well away and | sec. raced together one round; in the back straight The NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES, of \$10 each Bravo drew away and the issue was never in doubt. Santa Rosa a good second, one length-

behind., Time, 2 min. 57 sec. SECOND DAY, -- WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER. The Kushan Cup, value \$100; forced entry of \$5; for subscription Griffins weights as per

scale; winners & lbs. extra for each race won. One Mile. Captain Hope's Monterey Mr. Siemssen Mr. Esher's Sandown......Mr. Greaves

Mr. Min's HaymakerMr. Baker Five ran. The field, with the exception of Wild lawk, got a good start. Monterey closely followed by Haymaker led past the stand, and had it all his own way, winning by a good length from Sandown, who was second. Time min. 154 sec.

The TOTALISATOR CUP. value \$150 with \$50 to second and Big to the third; entrance Bit for all China Ponies; weights as per scale; winners of one race 7 lbs, extra, of 2 or more 10 lbs. exira. One mile and a half.

Mr. Ten Broeck's Wild MintMr. Baker Mr. Belmore's WitchcraftMr. Greaves Fritz led once round when Wild Mint took first place and the rest of the race was a procession, the Judge's verdict being six lengths. Time, 3 min. 27 sec.

The HARKWAN CUP: (presented); value Tis. 100 ; entrance \$5 ; for Subscription Griffins of this or previous meetings; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting to lbs, extra previous non-starters 7lbs. extra. Once round Mr. Drumbart's Santa Ross...Mr. Drummond Mr. Ten Broeck's Wild Duck. Mr. Hutchings

Mr. Min's PloughboyMr. Baker . Six ran. Wild Duck led to within to yards of the winning post, when he was collared by Santa Rosa who won by a nose. Time, I min.

The HACK STAKES ; Sweepstake of \$10 each with \$50 added for each starter; for all Chins ponies not otherwise entered at this meeting except for the Cosmopolitan Cup: weights 7 lb. over weight for inches; riders who have never wen a race allowed to 'lbs Captain Hope's Wild Wood.....Mr. Siemssen 1

one race 7lbs, extra of 2 or more rolbs; extra. Histen its departure. ·Twice Round, a sair page it has a transperior it

Six ran. This was another easy, win for Monterey, Sandown and Bravo good second and third. Time, 2 min. 561 sec. and side according

The FOOCHOW. STAKES, Sweepstakes of \$10 each with 250 added ; a forced entry for all China Ponles entered at this meeting except those entered only for the Hack Stakes or Cosmopolitan Cup, and optional for Subscription Griffins; divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent to first, second, and third Ponies; weights as per: scale. One mile and a quarter.

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Titmouse and Fritz obt out the nace : on passing the greenhouse for the last time Resper drew up to Titmouse, Fritz falling to the rear. Reaper led into the straight followed by Titmouse and Yama; the latter challenged gamely and was a good second benten about a length. Time, 2 min. 51 sec.

The CLUB CUP, value \$100; entrance \$5; for all subscription griffins of this or previous meetings; winners of one race at this or previous meetings 7 lbs, extra, of two or more 12 lbs. extra i weights as per scale. Threequarters of a mile.

Mr. Drumbart's Santa Rosa ... Mr. Drummond Mr. Min's HaymakerMr. Baker 3 Blitz led to the guarter mile post, when he was passed by Santa Rosa, who won by a length. Time; r min. 40 rec. -

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER. The TEAMEN'S CUP, presented, value \$ Forced entrance of \$5 each, for subscription

griffins; weights as per scale; winners 5 lbs.

extra for each .race won .. One mile, and a Mr. F. her's SandownMr. Greaves I Mr. Buster's BraveMr. Hutchings 2 Sandown made the running and won as he

liked. Time, 3 min 30 sec. The LEDGER CUP .-- (Presented) ; value \$100 : Second Pony to receive \$25; entrance \$5; for all China Poines; weights as per scale; winners To lbs. exfra. Once round.

Mr. Belmore's WitchcraftMr. Greaves : Witchcrift won easily by two lengths. Time min. 22 sec. day

The Ladies Purse - (Presented) ; entrance \$t : for all Subscription Griffins of this or previous meetings; weights as per scale; winners at this or previous meetings 7 lbs. extra: Riders who have never won a race allowed 7 lbs. Once round:

Mr. Drumbart's Santa Rosa, Mr. Drummond a Ploughboy and Santa Rosa together led to the Emile post, when Silver, Bill drew up and made a fine race down the straight, Ploughboy winning by a head, with a head between second and third. The prize was presented by Miss Howell: Time, 2 min. 241 scc.

The SILVER CHALLENGE CUP, entrance \$10: for all Subscription Griffins at this or previous meetings p to be won twice by a pony the bona fide property of same owner or owners : the entrance fees to go to the Club, and \$100 to be paid to winner; except in the case of the cup being finally won; and \$20 to the second pony; weights as per scale. One mile and a

Mr. Esher's Sandown Mr. Greaves Mr. Buster's BraveMr. Hutchings 2 Dr. Gardener's Fritz Mr. Drummond .Five ran .: Fritz and Sandown cut out the pace and led together rast the stand. Coming into the straight Sandown drew away and won with the greatest of ease from Bravo by three lengths. Time, 2 min. 53.

The CONSOLATION CUP, value \$100; second Pony to receive \$25; entrance \$5; for all bone fide beaten bonies that have not won a race at this meeting; weights as per scale, One Mr. Camera's YamaMr. Hutchings

Biliz led at first, but was soon joined by Yama and the pair raced together to the finish. the latter winning by a head. Time, 2 min. 14

with \$50 added; divided 60, 25 and 15 per cent to First, Second and Third Ponies; for bone fide beaten subscription griffing that have not won a race; weights as per scale. Half a

Mr. Ten Broeck's Wild DuckMr. Baker ! Mr. Ten Broeck's Wild Hawk. .. Mr. Hutchings A poor start in which Wild Duck got a good advantage which he maintained to the end, win-

ning by a length. Time, 64 sec. The CHAMPION STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added fortional entry for the winners of the Hack, Consolation and Nil Desperandum races; a forced cutry for all other; winners at this meeting. Non-starters excluded ; winners of 2 races at this meeting \$15 extra, of more than 2 races \$40 extra; weights as per scale, One mile and a quarter:

Mr. Min's Reaper Mr. Baker Mr. Ten Broeck's Wild Mint Mr. Oswald 2 Mr. Drumbart's Santa Ross Mr. Drummond Titmouse made the running followed by Wild Mint; passing the mile post for the second time Wild Mint took the lead and at the top of the straight; Reaper was on even terms; the pair raced bard to the finish the old brown pony winning by a length. Santa Rosa was third; four lengths behind. Time, a min, 48 sec.

The COSMOPOLITAN CUP, presented; value \$.. Entrance, \$5'; for all China Ponies : catch weights over 11st. 7lbs.; hacks allowed 7 lbs. v To be ridden by Residents of this province and officers of the Army and Navy Threequarters of a mile. ch

Mr. Belmore's, Witchcraft Mr. Greaves Captain Hope's Wild Wood ... Mr. Siemssen 2 Dr. Gardener's Fritz Mr. Drummond S'x ran. The field kept well together, Witch craft winning by a head. Time, 1 min. 40 sec

inds agrop TIENTSIN NOTES

The representatives of the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank recently announced that their new branch in Tientein had been opened. Mr. Emil Renders, Sub-manager, has been authorized to sign in Conjunction with Mr. Otto Miretrky. anAll steamers; that cared to do so have come

easily up to the Bund at Szechu-lin lately there being plenty of water in the river. There have been high tides on the Bar, 11ft. 6in. being Five ran. A fine start fat the quarter taile ! There is a great deal of sickness much resem-

post Lansdown was leading, but at the two miles; bling influents in the province of Shansi among Wild Wood came away, and was too good for the Chinese as well as among the foreigners the rest of the company. Time, 65 sec. there-in fact a general epidemic. The people, The RACING STAKES, forced entry of \$10 each, anxious to get over it as soon as possible, and with \$50 added ; for Subscription, Griffins ; hearing that by next spring it will be over, 2100 to the first pony \$30 to the second \$20 have in many places gone through the ceremony to the third; weights as per scale; winners of of passing the New Year," hoping thereby to

7: or The Chinese Government seems to be making Captain: Hope's Monterey Mr. Siemssen st no. headway, against piracy on the Southern the old styl .. And what is the Hongkong Government about that in its Jubilee year its harbour should still be the head-quarters of the Southern pirates? Hongkong is no doubt # wonderful little colony, and it is never All of boasting of its wealth, its enterprise, and its resources. But'a little less tall-talk and a little more attention to good government would be a more wholesome note to strike at the approaching jubilation.

The unnatural and unseasonable weather has continued during the work. The air has been thick and murky," and the sun has scarcely shown itself the whole week. There is as yet winners and only two stables be eligible to send | Mr. Camera's YamaMr. Oswald 2 | no : appearance : whatever of : winter-Chinese

THE POWERS OF COURTS OF SURVEY. Sir James Russell delivered judgment this morning_on_certain issues which had been arranged in the case arising out of the detention of the steamer Pasig by order of the Government pending the holding of a Court of Survey to determine the seaworthiness or otherwise of the said steamer which was, in February last,

trading between Hongkong and Canton. The Court of Survey found that the Pasie was in a seaworthy condition for the service for which she was licensed; and it also found that there had existed no reasonable or probable cause, by reason of her condition, for detaining the ship, and found the Governor responsible in costs and damages. The Government paid the costs, but refused to make compensation for the delay to the steamer, hence the present action. Mr. E. Robinson, instructed by Mr. Wilkinson, appeared for the owner of the Pasig; and the Attorney General, the defendant,

appeared in person, His lordship said, that the arguments were relative to the application of the law. The immediate point at issue to-day was whether Hon. Secretary; Mr. C. P. Chater, Hon. judgment of the Court of Survey, Treasurer, that there was no reasonable or probable cause for the detention of the ship, was or was not binding on the Government so as to prevent it from trying to preve that the Court of Survey had come to a wrong conclusion. If so the expense of preparing a great deal of expert evidence would be saved at the trial before the jury. As far as he could see the duty of the said Court was to determine only the question of seaworthiness, and not whether there was absence of reasonable and probable cause. His Lordship then referred to the case of Thompson v. Farrar in Law Reports, Queen's Bench Division, which he held was evidence that the Government could repudiate the ruling of the Court of Survey. He therefore gave judgment for defendant, the Attorney General, on the issue

HONGKONG'S JUBILEE.

raised, with costs.

A public meeting was held at the City Hall on the afternoon of the 30th ultimo for the purpose of considering the proposals of the committee appointed in connection with the celebration of the jubilee of the Colony. Sir James Russell, Chief Justice, presided.

The Chairman said-Gentlemen, this meeting is convened for the purpose of receiving the proposals of the committee in reference to the celebration of the Jubilee of this Colony. You will remember that when the first public meeting was called a large committee was nominated, which had powers given it to add to its number and to draw up and submit proposals for a future meeting as to the manner in which the Jubilee was to be celebrated. That large committee nominated a number more and increased their volume very much. The committee has had special meetings in reference to what they should recommend to you as a scheme for commemorating the Jubilco of this Colony. Several schemes have been submitted but no definite plan has been settled upon as to the permanent Inchesial, and what its nature is to be is postponed for further consideration until the 3rd of next month. But it has become necessary to draw up some programme for the temporary rejolcings, and a sub-committee was delegated at the last meeting to draw up a scheme based upon a plan that Mr. J. J. Keswick had submitted to the committee. This sub-committee consisted of Mr. J. J. Keswick. Mr. C. P. Chater, Mr. R. K. Leigh, Mr. H. W. Dick, Dr. Ho Kai, Col. Jerrard and Lieut. Auson, with the Chairman and hon. Secretary as ex-officio members. This sub-committee added one or two more, and they have drawn up certain schemes for three days' rejoidings, and I will ask Mr. Wodehouse now to submit it to you and it is for you to approve it if you will, The scheme is to have three days' holiday from 11.30 a.m. on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and certain sports and other amusements are suggested for these days. It is for you to say whether you approve of the plan

The hon. Secretary (Mr. H. E. Wodehouse) then read the following proposed programme :-20th January,-Public Ball at the City Hall usher in the Jubilee. Subscription \$5 each. 21st :- 9.30 a.m. -Meeting of the Executive and

which Mr. Wodehouse will now read to you.

Legislative Councils for the purpose of despatching a telegram to Her Majesty the Queen and the Secretary of State. 9.45 a.m. Special Service in St. John's

Cathedral; dignituries and ministers of denominations other than the Church of England to be invited to hold similar services in their respective places of worship. .

12, noon,-Salute of 50 guns from the menof-war and the shore battery, the Volunteers to be also invited to sainte.

22nd :- 11.30 a.m.-Public Holiday commences 3 p.m.-Review of the Naval and land forces in Happy Valley, the Governor attending in

23rd:-2 p.m.-Athletic Sports on the Race-course under the immediate superintendence and organization of Mr. R. K. Leigh; the Sports to be held under the rules of the L. A. A. C.; the prizes to be obtained by subscriptions from the community and to consist of gold, silver, and bronze medals, struck for the occasion.

9 p.m.-Dress rehearsal of the " Gondollers" by members of the Amateur Dramatic Club, unless previously held on the 22nd of January for soldiers, sallors and members of the Police

24th :- 2 p.m .- Pony Races under the auspices of the Jockey Club, and Pole matches under

the auspices of the Polo Club. 9 p.m .- Performance of the "Gondellers," The Hon. Secretary-It is estimated that for the carrying out of this programme, including the prizes for the Athletic Sports and the expenses in connection with the Ball, a portion of which will be covered by subscriptions paid for the Ball, a sum of \$5,000 will be required, and to raise this sum subscriptions will be invited from the community. His Excellency, the Gevernor has expressed his concurrence in the programme, and has been pleased to say that he will be happy to co-operate in every way in carrying cut. He has also expressed his intention of giving a ball at Government House, the date of which he is not able to fix at present. With regard to the public ball I was requested to ascertain if Mr. Stewart-Lockhart would undertake the chief management, and organization of it, and he has kindly consented to do so with

duties connected with it. (Appleuse.) the meeting on the programme, with the result that it was unanimously approved of

to ask for subscriptions to defray the expenses | safety, from such risks as piracy at least, sent to | the Folly will be raised.

for it. That is all the business before you to-day, without your approval the committee had no power to do anything beyond making suggestions, and the meeting will now be adjourned sine die.

The following is a complete list of the General Committee, including the additions made since

the last public meeting :-Sir James Russell (Chairman), Mr. F. Fleming, C.M.G., Mr. S. Brown, Mr. W., M. Deane Mr. Ho Kal, Mr. J. J. Keswick, Mr. N. Mitchell-Innes, Mr. P. Ryrie, Mr. T. Whitehead, Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, Mr. J. Stewart Lockbart, Dr. Ph. C. Ayres, Messrs, A. K. Travers, C. Ford, A. G. Romane, Gomes A. B. Johnson, R. K. Leigh, W. Perchal, J. B. Coughtrie, E. L. Woodin, Dalrymple, G. C. Cox. G. Murray Bain, Sharpe, A. McConachie, H. W. Dick, C. F. Rowband, F. W. Rutter, Dodwell. Lieutenant-Colonel Jerrard, Lieut Anson, R.N., Messrs. E. R. Helilios, G. Champeaux, H. Crawford, T. E. Davies, Descon, Pestonjee Bazonjee, P. Dhalla, Ede, M. D. Ezekiel, W. H. Forbes, Francis. O.C. D. Gillies, L. Glenat, C. Harman, Ho Amel, C. J. Holliday, H. Hoppius . D. Humphreys, T. Jackson, Ll Shing, Hock Ping, E. Mackintosh, H. N. Mehta, S. C. Michaelsen, H. N. Mody, L. Poesnecker, Poon Pong, W. H. Ray, Capt. Rumsey, D. R. Sassoon,

CORRESPONDENCE.

G. Sharp, J. Y. V. Vernon, G. Wieler, Wei Yuk,

Wong Shing, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, C.M.G.,

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinious expressed by Carrespondents in this column].

WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGMOND WELRGRAPH." SIR,-During the week a well-known coasting skipper who passed through this port had a good deal to say about the conduct of the officers of the Names during the piratical attack made on that vessel a short time ago. He said that had he been there, "he would have broken up some of the furniture in the Captain's cabin, and soon cleared the pirates out," and as good as imputed, cowardice to the officers concerned. Perhaps be thinks the important air he assumes would have: overswed, the pirates-it might, certainly, for his air is igh and 'aughty to a degree;

I think most people who know anything about the Chinese and who have read the evidence of this sad affair adduced at the Magisterial Inquiry. will agree that the officers of the Namos acted, very wisely in going quietly into the Captain's room and by remaining there, for had they attempted to oppose the pirates-unarmed and defenceless as they were -all of them would probably have been killed. Perhaps this "gassy" skipper will offer his service to the Force in Hongkong, and by so doing will soon make work scarce for that body !

Yours faithfully,

JUSTICE. Amoy, 20th December, 1890.

THE "NAMOA" PIRACY AFFAIR. THE USELESSNESS OF THE QUEEN'S NAVEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HORGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR.—Please allow me through the medium of your columns to call the attention of the seafaring community to the fact that it is clear by the speech delivered by His Excellency the Umcer Administering the Covernment of Hongkong last week, that the blame in connection with the scandalous delay in despatching a British genboat in pursuit of the villains who committed such dastardly acts of pillage and murder on board the British steamer Names on the 10th instant rests with the "Jolly old Commodore" and other Naval celebrities. This fact should be carefully noted as showing the utter fatility of depending on the Roya Navy for the protection either of British commerce or British lives in these seas. This being so, it behaves British officers, irrespective of shipowners, to devise ways and means-and that promptly-to prevent a recurrence of the Names. Greykound, and various other shocking tragedies. British officers should bear in mind that they are fully justified in adopting means for the protection of their lives, and those of the passengers entrusted to their care. It is their duty-a duty which has hitherto been regarded as obligatory only on the part of shipowners and Government. Had the latter done their duty in this connection, the Namos tragedy would never have been the stern, the disgraceful, the shocking fact that it now is. But the mere fact of gross negligence on the one part by no means justifies criminal same-froid on the other. There is a danger awaiting those who " go down to the see in ships " in Hongkong." The danger apparent. Protective measures are an absolute

As a member of a powerful mercantile marine federation. I can heartily assure the marine officers of Hongkong that they will be warmly supported by the home associations in any measures which they may deem it expedient to adopt with a view to preventing a recurrence of destardly outrages upon British ships. British officers, British engineers, and the travelling

Thanking you for publishing this letter, which I forward in the hope that the Namos traced; will not be allowed to end in a mere nine days' wender, as did the Greyhound atrocities.

Yours faithfully, A BRITISH MASTER, M.M.S. Association,

Hongkong, 27th December, 1890. THE "NAMOA" PIRACY.

To get Editor of the "Mondrong Telegrape." SIR.-We Britons, in our younger days, were taught to believe that England was " mistress of the seas," but most of us have lived to regard this as the falacy of falacies; for here, right at the end of the 19th century, within a few miles of a so-called British colony and broad daylight, a handful of miserable Oriental built in 1873, and had an iron main-deck, while ruffians scize and plunder a passenger steamer all the upper works and houses were built and ruthlessly murder a number of British sub- wood." jects; their dastardly attempt-not the first of Itskind by a long way-is crowned with complete

success and, as far as we know, should these rascals have another job on hand, the British Government will put no impediment in their way. Truly we live in good times, and either past history is mere story-book nonsense or Britons have most sadly deteriorated. We must be, in these days, an Immense source of ridicule to those foreigners who have listened so long to our bombastic expressions whilst we have posed before the world at large as sovereign of the seas; " and coming as these piratical attentits do in such quick succession. and with one exception all of them directed at vessels under the British flag, surely we must be. and undoubtedly are, the laughing stock not only

sea in the careless manner now customary In the first place the complement of Europeans is at the most 6'or 7, and these, in the majority of instances, are scattered al over the ship. May I ask, by the way, if the saloon passengers on the Chinese coast are such a hightoned lot that the average, British officer is not considered good enough to dine with them, as they do in all first class passengerships out of home ports. If so, what is the reason that Europeans are huddled away in the in West and Mid Java they were beavier. fore 'tween deck amongst a crowd of foathesome coolies &c., and shut off in time of need from all communication with the remaining few proved heaviest in the province of Japara foreigners in the ship. And again, what protective: measure or means of defence are there on Joans suffered most. There the chinese quarter or none I ween. Why is this.? Surely everyone European crews are not carried, I consider gaming house he happened to be in at the time. it is an imperative that at least three officers should be carried, not only for protective purposes but also for the mutual benefit of shipowners, under-writers and the officers themselves. stayed behind to save their money; and all The powers that be in this colony, have shown | perished. Twelve Chinese and natives were themselves, in no favorable light, and if the killed and 17 wounded, none of the European abuse which has been heaped on the heads of the residents were injured. All the standing houses few defenceless men on board the Namoa was are in such a ricketty condition that it is expected cast with interest in another quarter, everybody | that a heavy shock will bring them down. who is not unworthy of the name of Briton in | Most of the European and Chinese inhabitants these days would admit the justice of it. In at Joana have taken refuge in bamboo dwellings conclusion let me add it is a pity that the too | in dread of another visitation, a fresh shock on well-known master referred to by "Justice" in the Sunday following having brought on a manic. your issue of the 24th inst. was not in charge At Samarang the inhabitants became panic

> Yours faithfully, A COASTER.

N.B.—The last sentence is intended as sarcasm

the loss of an able and favorite skipper.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1890.

BURNING OF THE "SHANGHAI

APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE.

The N. C. Daily News issued the following es an Extra on the 26th December :-"News was received last night by wire from Chinkiang that the China Navigation Co.'s steamer Shanghai has been totally destroyed by

fire. She left this on Wednesday for Hankow. Since then the Taiwo has arrived with the second officer, third engineer and 30 Chinese passengers of the Shanghai, and we are able to give particulars of one, of the most appalling shipping catastrophes that have ever happened

in Chinese waters. The Shanghai left Shanghai on Wednesday at 8 a.m. and reached Chinking either late the same night or early on Thursday morning, the 25th. She left Chinkiang at 4 a.m. with over 400 Chinese and one foreign passenger, Mr. Kniffler, on board. At about 7 a.m. when the steamer was six miles below Mud Fort, smoke was discovered coming out of the afterhold in which was stowed, amongst other cargo, a lot of cotton. The second mate, Mr. Nicholson, immediately got the fire pumps to work, and Captain Martin was informed of what had happened. Meanwhile the hose was played on the mainhold hatch but all of a sudden the hatches gave way, being burnt through, probably, and an immense volume of dense black smoke shot up out of the hatchway, which made it impossible for the second officer to remain there any longer. He then started to go forward, but found the Chinese struggling vainly to get to a place of safety. He could not get through them, so crawled along outside the ship and thus got to his destination. As soon as Captain Martin saw there was no means of getting the fire under, a fact that became apparent very shortly after the slarm was given, he headed the steamer for the bank of the river and ran her so violently ashore, that her bow was right up the bank. Under ordinary circumstances, this would have given greater facilities for escape, but the ship was in fiames from stem to stern in less than fifteen minutes from the time of the alarm being given, and the Chinese were in such a confused mass in the alley ways that they could not get forward to escape. Many jumped overboard and were drowned while others were burnt to death. The foreigners were able to get ashore, Captain Marlin and one of the pilots being the last to leave the vessel. Mr. Kniffler waded ashore and when he landed, he was attacked by the villagers who attempted to strip him of his clothing. The Chinese passengers' who succeeded in reaching the shore were similarly attacked and were stripped of their clothing. A Chinese mandarin gunboat and a steam launch which were near at hand never made any attempt to save any one.

but their crews contented themselves with picking up things that floated from the burning steamer. The number of lives lost will never be accurately known, but of the number who were on board at Chinkiang only some sixty-five have been accounted for, some of the passengers, however, when they got clear of the vessel, hurrled away from the scene as quickly as possible apparently afraid of being robbed or ill-treated the villagers. A foreigner, counted seventy-five dead bodies on the bank of the river, and he saw a drag boat recover sixteen more. Many, of course, were burnt, so that the number of deaths is probably between two and

three hundred. : The Taiwe was the first steamer to reach th scene of the calamity. She left Wuhu in the morning and arrived on the Shanghas at a piece the same day, and anchored close to her a quarter of an hour later. By this time the Shanghai was completely gutted. Before proceeding she took on board some of the passengers.

The Newchwang, bound up, arrived just before the Taiwo left for Shanghal, and she anchored by the wreck. As a coincidence it may be mentioned that the steamer Bombay was burnt at Woosung on 25

December, 1880-five years ago to a day. The Shanghai was an iron paddle steamer of 3,098 tons and 300 horse, power, She was

ANOTHER VESSEL LOST.

The reports of the loss of another foreignowned vessel arrived from Shanghal on the 30th ulto. The report of the occurrence which appeared in the columns of our Shanghai morning contemporary runs as follows :---

On Wednesday afternoon, the 24th ul'o. the tugs Fuhles and Fairy succeeded in towing off the ship Forest King which had been ashore on the Middle Ground below the Kiutoan' light-vessel. Both tuge were towing ahead, the Fubles being on the starboard quarter of the Fairy, and they had proceeded of the civilized world but of those nations whose about three miles, when the Fuhles crashed into laws and customs we consider so much inferior to | the starboard side of the Fairy abaft of the will be able to give him their help in the various our own. When one has fully realized the fact engine room, cutting through her grand, piercing The Chairman then called for the opinion of hallucination, it seems the most rational thing in sank in seven minutes, in 21 feet of water at lowlo prevent a repetition of such disgraceful occurr plates on both sides of it stove in. The Fubles Association in response to Sir Aifred Dent's The Chairman—It is for the sub-committee ences. Why are ships regarded by the public as having rescued the crew of the Fairy returned no Charry out this scheme, and it is proposed well appointed and able to traverse the seas in to Shanghai for repairs. It is anticipated that

GREAT EARTHQUAKE IN JAVA.

Bajavia papara received at Singapore on the 21st ulto. give particulars of a smart carthquake there which took place on Friday week. At Batavis, so says the Nieuwsblad, the shocks were alight, the motion being horizontal from North to South ... The shocks slowly followed each other for a quarter of an hour, but and great; numbers of houses cracked and were otherwise damaged. The earthquake attended, as it was, by loss of life. The town of His corpse had to be dragged out piece by piece. | ber of the Association .- Taban Herald ... When the ground began to shake the losers at once fled into the open, but the winners of the Namoa at the time of her disaster, for stricken at the shocks, which, judging from the had he been we would not now be mourning reports, must have been felt far and wide in Java.

> ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MERCHANTS.

We take an opportunity to bring under the notice of British subjects the fact of there being in existence in London an Association capable of rendering service to the mercantile . communities of the Straits Settlements. Honekong. China, and Japan. The objects of the Association we subjoin: They are as follows :--

"To represent, express, and give effect to the opinion of the British Mercantile Community in their political and commercial relations with the Chinese and Japanese.

"To promote and protect the trade, commerce shipping and manufactures of the United Kingdom. India and the Colonies with and in China, Hongkong, and Japan.

"To consider all questions connected with such trade, commerce, shipping and manufic-."To promote or "oppose legislative and other

measures affecting such trade, commerce, shipping, and; manufactures. To collect statistics and other information relating to such trade, commerce, shipping and manufactures. "To establish, undertake, superintend, ad

minister and contribute to any charitable of benevolent fund whence may be made donations or advances to deserving persons wh may be or may have been engaged therein, and to contribute to or otherwise assist any charitable or benevolent institutions or undertakings.

"To provide facilities for social intercourse between the members of the Association, and hold periodical assemblages of a social kind, with a view to the promotion and cultivation of friendly feelings amongst members of the Asiatic Power-China,

"To do all such things as may be conducted to the extension of trade, commerce, or manufactures, or incidental to the attainment of the

above objects." That such an Association has a considerable sphere of usefulness for its operations is not to be doubted, and there are occasions when its weight and influence for the comprehensive objects mentioned, can be exercised with effect. It is, we are glad to know, bestirring itself respect to the questions connected with treaty revision in Japan, and may succeed in ascertain ing from Lord Salisbury, information denied us here, as to the actual state at which the negotia-

tions have reached. Copies of two of the resolutions passed at late public meeting have been handed to the Association, and we may rest assured that good use will be made of them in bringing under the notice of the Government at home the repugnance felt by foreigners to being subjected to native jurisdiction. Residents in the East have ceased to place implicit trust in the sentiments and action of most of their representatives, who seem to be either supine or adverse to what is desired and required of them by the community. is to be regretted that we did not sooner avail ourselves of the active assistance the Association, but we are not without hope that even at this bour, something may ye prove to be capable of accomplishment. It would certainly be well, if a number of Japan resident were to take the necessary measures to become members, for if we take no interest in the Association it can scarcely be expected that should interest itself in our affairs. In order that persons may be made acquainted with the more important rules of the Association, we publish them for general information,

The Association shall consist of ordinary honorary, and corresponding members: (1) 28 k

Ordinary, members; must be British subjects either connected with China, Hongkong or Ispati or interested in this Association in a manne sufficiently close to artisfy the General Committee of the Association.

distinguished themselves in connection with China, Hongkong, or Japan But the Association shall have power to offer bonorary memberof late yours. ship to any individual. un intiste du ve in inter es inditione cull.

.. Corresponding members shall be gentlemen chosen by the General Committer, resident in the United Kingdom for abroad, and willing to assist the General Committee with information or otherwise when required. of) foredroll Vanamanil u

The Association shall be under the management and direction (as in those Rules provided) of a General Committee of gentlemen not exceeding thirty, chosen from the ordinary members of the Association and elected at the annual general meeting of the Astociation, besidesthe Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary, who shall be ex-officio members of the General Committee.

Antaryan Surfe if tall it, singapore, Those gentlemen who have signified their White, White, willingness to support and subscribe to the circular letter of the 19th March, 1889, shall be deemed to be members ! But all other members shall be elected by the Riccitive Countities.

A candid ite for admission as a member shall, be proposed in writing by two or more members the Association. The proposal shall be brought before the Executive Committee at its next or some subsequent meeting, when the majority of the members of the committee then present may admit the candidate as a member, and such admission, together with payment of the proper entrance fee and subscription, will constitute membership.

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The Nippon-jin discusses in recent issues the position of Russia in Asia, especially in her, relation to Japan. The articles show more than ordinary research and commend of facts. The .Tokyo periodical thir ks that many of its countrymen over-rate the effective strength of Russia as an Asiatic Power. To disprove this erroneous notion is the task which the Nippon sets itself in the present essay. There are, says our contemporary, three things which, of all others excite feelings of alarm and terror in the minds of the Japanese, namely the mighty and well disciplined army of the Czar, the construction of the Siberian railway, and the colonization of Saghalien. As to the fighting capacity of Russia it Asia, Japan need not, we are told, be afraid. the great Northern Power, because, it addition to Russia's financial embarrassment her position in Europe and in the south and west of Asia is such that she could no space troops to operate effectively against any country in the Far East. The Nippon-jin writes at great length, elucidating these points with copious references to statistics and historical facts, but we cannot follow it into such mi nutice. As to the Siberian railway, our contemporary observes that its completion will go a great way towards developing the natural resources of the regions through which it passes, as d that it will furnish new markets for Japanese and Chinese products. In this respect the line deserves the closest attention of the Japanese nation. But its military value is comparatively small, when we remember that the gauge Is narrow and the line single; that many river passages interrupt the continuity of the route, and that there rivers are frozen during several months of the year. Thus to entertain serious apprehensions, from a military point of view, about the consequences of the completion of the road, would be, we are told, to entirely misunderstand its true functions. Lastly, as to the colonization of Saghalies, our contemporary attaches little weight to it. Quite an excitement serms to have been caused in certain quarters by the report of the establishment of convict stations on that island in the course of the present year. Saghalien is extremely poor in soil and has no natural products except coal of doubtful character. Nor does it contain any harbour that can be used as a naval station. The colonization of such an island need not, says the Nippos jis, attract the attention of the Japanese in any extraordinary manner. Our chitemporary ends its essay by a strong appeal to the instead to east aside the absurd notions at present entertained as to the power of Russia in Asin -If this article is not inspired by Russian agents it should prove comforting to the leading

JAVA NEWS.

BATAYIA, December 5th. The day of the funeral of H. M. the King. vesterday, was generally observed as a day of mourning. Not only were all the European offices and shops closed but even those of the Chinese and islanders to the smallest shops. The traffic of carriages and hawkers on the public roads was completely stopped, and from nearly all the dwellings 'necupied by Chinese flags great and small were flying half-mast. The funeral services were attended by nearly all the Europeans. About one thousand copie, amongst whom were the Vice-President and the members of the Council of India, the Commanders of the Sea and Land forces, the Heads of Departments, the General's the President and the members of the Audit Office, the Consuls representing foreign Powers the members of the High and Military Courts the Resident of Batavia and other authorities with their ladies in deep mourning, me together in William's Kirk, and afterwards the Gove nor-General and Mevrouw Gynacket Hordyk attended by four Adjutants took their places in the so seldom occupied Govern ment seat. The fine church was decorated with mourning flowers, and orange rosettes were introduced into the decorations. Before pulpit stood a life-size image of our late King. draped in black and silver. The community the Reformed Church held a service at Kwitang and the place was filled to overflowing. There were also services at the Roman Catholic Church and at the Armenian Church of St. Johannes. The Official account of the attempted burning of the Kota Pahama bridge at Acheen is as fo lows :- On the night of the 18th of November the enemy set the southern bridge on fire, which connects the island of Kots Pahama with th mainland, and placed themselves in ambush or the island. The detachment under command of 1st Lieut. Van der Meer Mohr, that marched out for the purpos of extinguishing the flames, were, when they reached the island, unexpectedly attacked both by rifle fire and klewangs. They manfull withstood the attack, however, and beat off the enemy who left four dead behind and the fire was through any of our Agents at the various Ports. then extinguished. Our loss was two Europeans for Honorary members shall be those who have killed six Europeans wounded, three of them slightly and one dangerously. Two coolies were also wounded. The state of health in Acheen from the 4th to the 18th of November was generally unfavourable. The average number of patients in hospital I was 21 sgainst 18.4 during the previous period.

Berl-beri is stationary, the number of patients being the same as in the previous period. The Court Martial at Kots has sentenced death, by shooting, fusilier B. Maspaitella for insubordination. - Free Prest.

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Hangkong Ice Company-\$95 per

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share, buyers.

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The Lamag Planting Co., Ld.-\$9 per share, The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Ld.-\$2 per share, sellers. The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ld.-\$1.50 per share, sellers.

The Shaneon Trees the Late - negations The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ld. 312 per share, sellers. The Trust and Loan Co. of China and Japan. \$18} per share, sollers. The Hongkong Marina, Limited-par, nominal,

EXCHANGE IN LONDON. Bank, T. T.3/48 Bank Bills, on demand3/5 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 3/5# Documentary Bills, at 4 months

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

30th December, 1890,—At 4 p.m.

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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE. (Prom Messel, Clad. Pillambe & Co. S. Righter 22 (2)

Barometer—I p. st.

SHIPPING IN HONGRONG

ATRLIE, British steamer 1,401. W. Fills, 26th Dec. Sydney and Dec. Keprel Bay 6th. Townsville 8th, Cooktown oth, and Thursday Island 12th, General, -Russell & Co.

17th Dec .- Pakhoi, and Holhow 25th Dec. General Wieler & Co. ARDGAY, British steamer, 1,090, R. Cass, 18th "Deca-Swatow anh Dec. General-Jarding, Mathagan & Co. BORMIDA: Italian steamer, 1.409., Gavazza, 24th

ALWINE, Gorman steamer. 400. IA. Bendixen,

Dr. -Bombay 6th Dec. and Singapore 18th Goppen - Car owitz & Co... CANTON ... British steamer. 1.110. G. Sellar, 31.50 Dec.-Whampon and Dec., General .-Inrdine, Matheson & Ca. CITY OF PRKING, American steamer, 3,135, Win.

Ward - 10th Dec .- San Francisco 29th Nov., wie Honolulu 8th D.c., and Yokohama 24th, Mails and General .- P. M. S. S. Co. Cosmoloure German str. 551. J. Schall, 30th Den -- Haiphong 128th Dec., General .-Winler & Co. DEVAMONICE, Pritish steamer, 1,057. P. H., Lott

23rd Dec -- Rangkok 16th Dec. and Anghing tr'h, Timber, Rice, and General,-Vnen Fat Hong. DJEMNAH, French steamer, 1.054, Bonnefoy, ma 30th Dec .- Shanghai anth Dec, Mails and General -- Versagreles Maritimes.

EDENDALE, British, steamer, 1,576, R. Humphrey. 125th Dec. Kutchingtzu zoth Dec. Coal. Mitsui Busson Kalahia. FAME. .. Reitish stormer. I. H. St. John .-Homerong, Government tender-GLENGYLE, British steamer, 2,244, Garson, 30th

Dec .- Kobe 22nd Dec. and Moli 25th, Rice on route -- Inrding Matheson & Co. FIDELIO, German steamer, 852, H. Brorsen, 16th Deg .- Saigon toth Dec. General Melchers & Co. FORIEN, British steamer, 509. Divis, 28th Dec.

-Tameni, 24th Dec. Amoy 26th, and Swatow 27th, General, -D. Lapraik & Co. HAIPHONG, French steamer, 845, Bousolnet, 31st Dec. - Haiphong 29th Dec., General. -Messageries Maritimes. APAN. British steamer, 1,865. J. E. Hansen. 26th Dec .- Calcutta toth Dec. Penang 17th, and Singapore 20th, Opium and

General D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. KRIEMHILD; German s'eamer, 1;720, T. Ehlers, 30th Dec. Singapore 24th Dec., General -Siemssen & Co. KWAUGLER. Chinese steamer, 1,504, grot Dec. - Shanghai 26th Dec., General,

-C. M. S. M. Co. Kwongsang, British steamer, 939, S. R. Galsworthy, 30th Dec., -Whampon 30th Dec., General.-Jardine, Matheson & Co. MEEFOO, Chinese steamer, 1,284. W. H. Lunt, 30th Dec. - Whampon 30th Dec., General.

MIIFE, MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,080. F. J Sommer, 24th Dec. Samarang 15th Dec., Sugar, and General-Geo, R. Stevens & Co. OANEA, British steamer, 1,270, Thomson, 21st Dec. Amoy 30th Dec., General Arn-hold, Karberg & Co. PAKSHAN, British steamer, 835, J. Jenkins, 20th

.. Dec.,-Saigon 25th Dec., Rice.-Hop Hing PARTHIA, Britisbesteamer, 2,035. John Panlon, 18th Dec .- Vancouver, B.C., 20th Nov., Yokohama roth Dec., Kobe, 12th, and Nagasaki 15th, Flour and General, Adamson, Bell & Co.

Designous Strake British sleamer, 1.716. Dan-caster, 17th Nov.,—Singapore 7th Nov., General.-Adamson, Bell & Co. PILOT FISH, British steamer, 151, A. Stopani,-Honekong and Whamma Dock Co. SIRH. British steamer, 1,7:6,: J. Rowley, 29th Dec. - Kohe and Nagasaki, 24th Dec., Coal and General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

SISHAN. British stennier, 845, E. F. Stovell. 20th Dec -- Saigon 24th Dec. Rice --TAICHIOW, British steamer, 862, R. Unsworth, .. zrat Dec. -Bangkok rath Dec., and Aughin General.-Yuen Fat Hong. TELAMON, British steamer, 1.555, M. H. F.

Jackson, 27th Dec. Kobs 21st Dec.

General,-Butterfield & Swire. THANCE AV, Chinese steamer, 350, Wong Ling Sing, atth Dec,-Halphong .27th Dec. ... Ballast .- Chinese. VENETIA., British steamer, 1,876, T. F. Creery. 25th Dec.—Singapore 19th Dec., General.
—P. & O. S. N. Co.

WATERWIS VERNELE. ALTAIR, British bark. 309, Munro; 229d Dec. Cebu 4th Dec., Sugar, Hides and Bones .-Wieler & Co. BASUTO ... British bark, 362, Petersen, Joth Dec. Amoy 8th Dec., Beans and General,

18th Dec, Freemantle, W.A., 20th Oct. Sandalwood.-Order. B.P. CHENEY, American ship, 1,259; Humphreys, "3dtfr Ded,-New York 13th July, Reidsene Oil - Rossell & Co. CHARON WATTANA, Slamese bark, 656, W. L. Cain, 1st Sept., -Wah Hin 13th Adgust.

CHAS. G. WHEDN, Amrican schooper, 56. J. N.

BETHERN. Brilish schooner, 400, J. Stronoch,

Melander, 10th Dec.,-Yap (Caroline Island) Columbus. German bark, 1,428. L. Hecaloop. rith Dec. Cardill 20th July, Coal Mel-ELMHURET, British ship, 1,712, John Mackenzie. ruos and Deter Cardiff 23rd July, Carl-Adam.

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Entatonita Chinese bark, 457; Ophum Examina.

K. Nilsson, British brig, 280, C. Boysen; 10th Dec. Amoy 8th December, General, LOTHAIR, British bark, 793, Thos. G. Grans, 200 Dec.—Cheloo 22nd Nov., Genera'.—Cibb,

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SARA MERSEDES, Peruvian schooner, 245, A Mentatgin, 4th July, Salgon 27th June, Rica of Captain.
Sr. Nicholas, American ship, 1772; V. Caiver 16th Nov. New York 20th June, Kerosene

Valocity, British bark, 45? R. Martin, 25th Nov.,—Hopolulu 21st October, General,—

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